

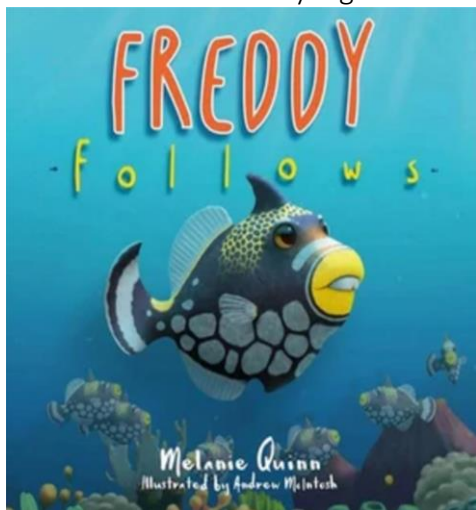
From the Principal



Hello all,

Welcome to week 3, term 3! Students have settled into the term well and are engaging in some exciting learning here at the Poonindie Community Centre – thanks to the wonderful work of our staff team. Our new students have been warmly welcomed and I thank those students who have gone ‘above and beyond’ as buddies in the classroom and during break times to help them to adjust to their new environment and develop a sense of belonging to our site.

Last week we were extra fortunate to have a local author visit the school. This was organised as part of our whole site writing improvement focus. Mel Quinn, who is originally from Cleve but now teaches part time at the Port Lincoln Primary School, shared her story of becoming a recognised author. In Mel’s words she was “just an ordinary mum in an ordinary town” who became inspired to develop a children’s picture book, with a purpose of educating students about making good choices and bullying. Her book has won global awards including the 2018 New York City Big Book Award!



Freddy Follows which was eight years in the making, had come to life at the right time with many families looking for ways to educate their young children about their behaviour towards others and the choices they make. The book tells the story of a fish who already had good friends but chose to follow other fish who looked like they were having more fun – the cool fish! “I just wanted to write something I thought I would have liked my children to read about making their own choices,” she said. “The book talks about exclusion, verbal and physical bullying, three really serious topics, at an early reading level.”

One of her great messages was also about following your heart and dreams and to NEVER give up! She told students of all the obstacles she worked through to finally reach her goal – a published children’s picture book! A great visit – thankyou Mel!

Sally Cormack (Principal)

Our Vision

Our students show a high level of independence and interdependence in their learning, with strong personal resilience

Our Mission

Engaging students in active learning to become citizens who contribute to our wider community

We promote the values of:

***Responsibility**

***Respect**

***Relationships**

Every day!

(Currently under review)

****In 2020, we have a whole school focus on writing improvement****

PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY 24th of August, 2020.

Staff will be developing on a whole of site teaching and learning plan for genre writing, informed by the year level requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

COVID 19 Update – from the Department for Education SA

From the beginning of term 3, the following activities can go ahead as long as SA Health advice (physical distancing of 1.5m and room density requirements) **are strictly followed by all adults:**

- Parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers can enter school grounds. All external service providers and volunteers must complete the COVID admission form on entry
- School assemblies – parents can come this Friday however I have been advised for you to complete a Covid Admission form and put hand sanitiser on as you enter Mr Beard's room.
- Class photos
- all intrastate camps and excursions
- All school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of shower facilities is not permitted)
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- playgroups and occasional care
- larger face-to-face professional learning activities
- Visits to nursing homes and aged care facilities.

Parents are welcome to listen to reading in classes – please arrange with the class teachers first however.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is a constantly changing space, including the escalation of cases in Victoria and the recent temporary closure of 2 schools in Adelaide – we need to be prepared at any time for restrictions to tighten. In the meantime the following must be observed:

- It's important that students stay home if they are unwell.
- Physical contact (even between students) must be limited. Non-physical greetings should be encouraged.
- Daily student attendance reporting for all schools must continue to be reported by 4pm each day
- The general public should not access school playgrounds or play equipment.
- Parents must continue to physical distance, including at school pick up and drop off.

Louth-North Shields Bus Driver required

Julie Branford will be retiring at the end of 2020! She is taking long service leave for the next 2 terms and we welcome Sandra Andrew as the temporary relief driver. Julie has been an incredible bus driver who has committed to our families and school for '35' years – a remarkable innings. We are desperately seeking a long term replacement. Please come and see Vicki if you are interested to find out what is required including heavy vehicle licenses, DFE accreditation and child related police clearances. The job is 10 hours per week and the bus can be housed on a private property or at the school. This would start from beginning of 2021.



CLASS EXCURSION – YEAR 6/7 MR BEARD



Fascinating and
EXTRAORDINARY!

**Awesome..
Amazing!**

Best excursion ever!
I loved it so much!



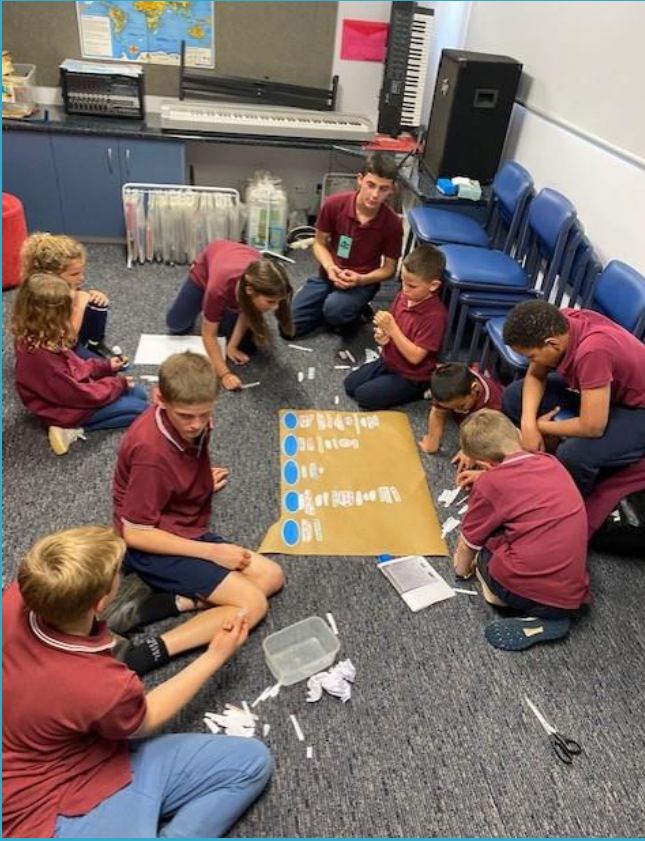
Interesting and
educational!
Magically majestic!

Just....WOW!

It brought the novel
Blue Fin to life!



Wellbeing and Inclusion update



Term 3 brings change for our Student Representative Council, saying farewell to Kaylee Ambados and welcoming Rebecca Turner into her role. Students have been diligent in collecting feedback regarding our school values and making changes to yard play. These children display democratic attributes that give all students a voice and a right to be heard. Last Friday they were able to finalise their ideas for new school values, and now will be shared with Governing Council this Wednesday evening.

They are currently trialing a new lunch time 'Organised Games' roster with the support of teachers. Students deliberated on what was working well, not working well and what needed to change. They will come back and discuss this in week 6.

Mrs Anderson 😊

Pastoral Care update

Hi all

I hope this finds you all in good health! I am reminded daily how to be thankful for our health 😊.

Life at Poonindie School has been great! Students are really enjoying the creative time in the craft sessions – lots of amazing items have been created. The breakfast program is still very popular. Thanks to Marty and Jasmine Schultz for donating the honey! All of the students love the honey...look out for *"Eyre Honey"* in the shops around the EP!

I am keen to get a recipe book organised as a fundraiser this year. I will send out a leaflet with details of how families can contribute – this will include sending in your favourite family recipe.

Take care

Helen

***"Be Kind
Speak Truth
Love others
Show Grace
Be grateful"***

Anonymous

	Monday 20 July	Tuesday 21 July	Wednesday 22 July	Thursday 23 July	Friday 24 July
1	Welcome back Term 3!		Newsletter sent out Staff Meeting Night	STEM 500 Training – Clint and Tammy	STEM 500 Training – Clint and Tammy
2	27 July Sally/Emma out - Portfolio Schools Masterclass	28 July	29 July Staff Meeting Night	30 July Mel Quinn – Writing Workshop with Mr Beards 6/7 class (AM)	31 July
3	3 August	4 August National Aboriginal and Torres St Islander Children's Day 2020 	5 August Newsletter sent out Staff Meeting Night Governing Council Meeting 7pm	6 August	7 August
4	10 August	11 August	12 August Staff Meeting Night	13 August	14 August
5	17 August Year 1 Phonic Screen	18 August	19 August Staff Meeting Night	20 August	21 August School Photos
6	24 August Student teachers starting: Kate Pilgrim (Yr 5) and Lucy Kolega (Yr 6/7) ***Pupil Free Day***	25 August	26 August Newsletter sent out Staff Meeting Night	27 August	28 August
7	31 August PAT M/R window for testing opens 31/8 – 23/10 Year 1/2 Running Record Levels state-wide collection	1 September	2 September Staff Meeting Night Governing Council Meeting 7pm	3 September	4 September
8	7 September	8 September	9 September Staff Meeting Night	10 September	11 September
9	14 September 11.30 Parent Interviews – for those requested	15 September Parent Interviews – for those requested	16 September Newsletter sent out Parent Interviews – for those requested	17 September Combined Sports Day with Ungarra and Port Neill PS Location: Ungarra	18 September
10	21 September	22 September	23 September Final Day for Student Teachers	24 September	25 September Last Day Term 3 2020 2.20pm dismissal